3. Hatwa Village (Madhya Pradesh)
4. Siju and Sarutgre Villages (Meghalaya)
5. Mopungchupit (Nagaland)
6. Raghurajpur (Orissa)
7. Kamla Sagar (Tripura)
8. Jageshwar (Uttaranchal)
9. Chiraigaon (Uttar Pradesh)
10. Shantiniketan (West Bengal)

Use of heavy earth moving machine JCB in protected areas of Red Fort

754. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has deployed a heavy earth moving machine *viz.* JCB in the protected areas of Red Fort;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the use of JCB for conservation work flouts basic conservation rules laid down in Venice Charter for International Conservation and followed the world over; and

(d) since when the use of the machinery has been stopped?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (d) The JCB was deployed only to lift the manually excavated debris from the moat surrounding the fortification wall of the Red Fort, Delhi. It was not used for digging.

The Venice Charter does not lay down any such norms which forbid the use of modern machines for conserving monuments.

Development of cultural and spiritual tourism

†755. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have developed/proposed to develop cultural and spiritual tourism in the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.